

The fact of the initial performance of the three-act farce, entitled "The Director," being given by Mr. Terry, at his theatre, a decade last Thursday would imply that the popular actor-manager had not sufficient confidence in the quality of the piece to warrant its production as a regular evening attraction until it had been put to the preliminary afternoon test. This managerial dubiety was prescient of the result, for the play, considered critically upon its merits apart from its reception by an audience mainly professional, and therefore generously partial, proved



"WHY WAS I CURSED WITH SUCH AN AMIABLE COUNTEenance?"

to be weak and unsatisfying alike in plot and characterization. The difficulties in which a well-to-do middle-aged citizen, with the severest of disciplinarians for his wife, involves himself and family by secretly

That "The Streets of London" is always to be drawn at the Adelphi, as well as at its theatrical congeners, was proved by the hearty welcome given to this melodramatic revival of the piece by Messrs. Gatti on Thursday night. An audience teeming in pit and gallery again applauded to the echo the always startling stage effect of the house on fire, with the exciting arrival of the real fire engine, as the heroic Badger is drawn impassably by the fire-escape men from the burning manor house. The mitey villain, Messrs. Gatti, was seen to rush that he might have the document which proves the heroine's legitimacy as well as her right to the property annexed by the villain of the story. With the emotional vehemence imparted by him to all his impersonations, Mr. Leonard Boyne, assuming the part for the first time, on Monday, noted the villainous dare-devil, Badger, as the villain's friend but his own, after the strident style demanded of the stage heroes by the denizens of pit and gallery. Miss Olga Brandon was gentle and sympathetic as the sorely persecuted heroine, and Mr. Lionel Bignold truculently droll, as usual, in the part of the comic cockney, Puffy. The plucky street hero, William dare-devil, Badger, was represented by the lively Miss Clara Jackson, and the villain Crawley a fitting exponent of his inordinate wickedness in Mr. Glover. Mr. Charles Dalton was manly as Captain Fairweather; while Mr. Frank Gillmore, as the devoted young brother, and Miss Ada Ferrar, as the pretty ingenue, proved themselves to be of the first order.

The third part of the play, which is equal to all the requirements of the piece, which will no doubt, continue to fill the house until the new melodrama by Messrs. Sims and Buchanan is ready.

A merrier piece of fun than "The Late Lamented," seen for the first time at the Court on Wednesday night, has been produced by Mr. Wood in our pleasant little playhouse. In adapting this model of constructive ingenuity from "Fou Toupinal," the actress faces, bringing with it the credentials of long-continued success from the Paris Vaudeville, the adaptor, Mr. E. Horner, has contrived, with a few tricks, but no overdone, to retain all essentially the roll and diverting in the original plot whilst eliminating from its complicated imbroglio every trace of the taint of coarseness, through lax morality, which, however acceptable to a Parisian audience, happily spoils a play for English eyes. The character of a miserly old miser, the bigness of the depicted gentleman who gives little to the piece will be told—because they can be told—not only at bachelor chambers, but in the family circle. In the interests of intending players desirous of hilarity pure in every sense, only the primary motive serving to sustain the character of the miser, and a full statement of the action, by revealing its ludicrous surprises, would discount the fun. The "late lamented" is, or rather was, a highly respected British wine merchant, who dying, leaves a double relict in the persons of two widows, wholly unaware of each other's existence. His bigamous wife, though not a second husband, has the moral courage to avow it to either wife, has been committed innocently enough; his second marriage, made during his six months' residence among his vineyards in Cyprus, having been effected by the erroneous conviction that his first wife in England was no more. Both of these facts, in connection with the loss of his second husband with whom—as it coincidentally falls out—they severally establish new homes in contiguous residential flats. The comic consequences of this domestic juxtaposition, with the jealous complications of the doubtful couple, enhanced through visits paid, not by friends of the family, but by the bewilderment will further intensified by the crossing of the thirteenth, two portraits—one in the

The death of Mr. Barry Sullivan leaves no void as regards English acting, the deceased player having been incapacitated for a couple of years past by the infirmities of age and illness from further participation in his profession. He was, however, his position had been eminent either artistically or intellectually. By declamatory violence, mainly exercised in the conventional delineations of Richard III., Shylock, Sir Giles Overreach, and Eschschau, Mr. Sullivan made himself a popular frequenter of the theatre, and a well-known figure, notably at Liverpool and Belfast, but he invariably proved a failure before the more educated audiences of the metropolis. It was, however, at Drury Lane during his first and last engagement there, while personating the crookback king in the night watch, that the fatal stroke which he sustained, and which, as the accidental stab in the eye which threatened for many months to deprive him of sight. His only other appearances in town, since early in his career he made his London debut at the Haymarket, were at the Duke's Theatre, afterwards renamed the Haymarket, since the demolition of the old theatre, and at the latter management resulted disastrously. — Miss Marion Lea, who, coming from America, speedily put herself in the front rank of our young and rising English-speaking actresses, is about to be married to Mr. Mitchell, a country gentleman of Philadelphia, the son of the American Consul in London. Players may fairly hope that domestic life in her new relation may not wholly banish the lady, as it has already done Miss Mary Anderson, who, as Mrs. Navarro, has become a mother as well as a wife. — Mr. Willard's reception at the Boston theatre, after his long absence, was very graciously accorded to him at Chicago and New York. This popular favourite on both sides of the Atlantic is now making holiday with friends at their country retreat in the Adirondack Mountains, prior to leaving New York on the 26th inst. for Alaska for Liverpool, where, it is said, he has just concluded to play his first winter engagement. — English play-

poets will learn with regret that Mr. Willard has undertaken to go back to the States on a stirring tour in the autumn. — The long-tailed "comedy" of "The Anonymous Letter" proved to be a farce, and so weak at that on its production that it was a sorry lyric drama, and it was no chance for the piece of a further representation. So, "Poor Fred," Dr. Walcot's epitaph on the father of George III., "the play being dead there's no more to be said." — Another new American soprano will shortly be heard again in London, Miss Nellie Stewart, engaged to appear in the new opera at the Savoy. The report is correct, with the addition that she will sing in the People's Opera currency last week that Mr. Bronson Howard's desecrated successful comedy of "The Henrietta," was about to be transferred to Terry's, is incorrect; the run of the piece will be continued where it started so well, at the Avenue. Mr. Kennedy, the "measurist," has returned to the Royal Aquarium Theatre, and will give his entertainment thrice daily. The firm of music publishers, Messrs. Francis, Day, and Hunter, carried out a very happy idea in connection with the Terriers' fêle, held at the Aquarium last week. On their stand was displayed a considerable quantity of music hall songs, while at frequent intervals a selection of popular airs was performed by a local orchestra. The success was made the more personal direction of Mr. W. H. Day, and was largely patronized. — A special matinee will take place at the Oxford on Monday for the benefit of Mrs. G. Fredericks, where the entertainment will be of exceptional interest.

News was received at Kendal of an explosion of gunpowder at the Basinghyll Gunpowder Works, belonging to Messrs. Wakefield. The explosion occurred in one of the crushing houses, which was utterly demolished. The flames also reached a second building, which was blown to atoms. Two men are reported to be seriously injured, and many others, since any was a recent occurrence at the works. The explosion occurred at an early hour in the morning. The two cornings mills that were wrecked stand almost close together, being simply divided by a high stone wall. The mills are near to the river and were worked by large wheels. Two men were attending the machinery, and were killed by the explosion. Fishwick. The former was changing the powder in one of the pans, containing about 50lb., and as he was leaning over the pan the contents exploded with terrific force. About an equal quantity of powder in the second mill exploded almost immediately, and with such force that wreckage was thrown across the river to a great distance. Kendal. The explosion was distinctly heard, and a large crowd was soon upon the scene. Dr. Bell, Kendal, was sent for, for both men were alive, having had marvellous escapes. Varley had received a severe shock, and was badly burnt; his condition is considered critical. Fishwick was at the mill door when the flames were seen, and he started to go to his own mill blew up thus, as a result of bruises and burns. Altogether there are eight mills at Basinghyll, but they are separated by coppices, as a safeguard in the event of an explosion. A fatal explosion occurred here eight years ago, and Varley was then injured. The mills belonged to Messrs. Wakefield, and were old-established.

During supper at the house of William Sawyer, a coachman, living at Bird's Southport, a dispute arose between Sawyer and a lodger, John Cummino, an Italian. Mr. Sawyer, who had gone to bed, heard scuffle, and good detective found Cummino, who told that he had entered the room to find his Italian lodger and separate them, when the Italian pulled out a knife and stabbed her, and in the course of renewed struggle he wounded, with the same weapon, Sawyer, who is over 70 years old, Mr. Sawyer. Finding that he could not restrain Cummino next drew a revolver and fired a shot, which caused the entrance of a groin of Sawyer and another the shoulder. Mr. Sawyer, both of whom are now in Southport Infirmary in a critical condition. Cummino is in custody.

The body of a tall, respectfully-dressed man was found in Hyde Park, near the Serpentine, on Thursday morning, and removed to a mortuary. Death was due to a bullet wound in the head, evidently self-inflicted. The weapon, a six-chamber revolver, was found on the side of the corpse. The deceased was about 40 years of age, and 5ft. 6in. height.

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Newfoundland Fisheries Bill. Lord KILGERRIE moved that it was not expedient to go into a committee on the bill until a reasonable time had been given for colonial consultation.—Lord KILGERRIE could not vote to the motion. The Government received a telegram that letter from the Admiralty, dated 10th June, 1904, in which the Admiralty Government of St. John's Bay was asked to state whether the Government were requiring that the bill before the House of Lords should not be further proceeded with, and that the Government should maintain the principle of a measure for the creation of courts for the enforcement of treaty rights. Among other stipulations they desired that no further proceedings should be made in the House without their consent, and that compensation should be made to those who might suffer from the award of the arbitrators. The Government replied that they were not prepared to consider certain of the points raised, but they insisted that the passage of the present bill should not be delayed. Lord MORLEY supported the bill, but Lord KILGERRIE regretted that the Government had not accepted their most important suggestion. Lord HENRICHELL thought the action of the Government completely justified in the rejection of the bill.—Lord SALISBURY said the Government would be glad not to proceed with the bill if they had assurances that the necessary legislation would be adopted by the Newfoundland Legislature. It was a Government which with an enlightened Government such as France's, the question was whether it was worth the arbitrament of war, and it was dangerous for England not to be able to renew her treaty obligations. He trusted that the real question at issue would not be masked and disguised by the petty proposals for delay.—Lord Kimberley's motion was rejected by 118 to 80, and the House went into a committee on the bill. The Government's motion on the limiting the existence of the bill was rejected by 61 to 100, and the bill passed through committee.

THE IRISH LAND BILL.

with an amendment, by Lord BALFOUR, providing that where a depositor has withdrawn his savings to meet an emergency he may be allowed to redeposit up to £30, the limits of deposits allowed in any year.—The Registration of Electors Amendment Bill was read a third time. Their lordships adjourned over Ascension Day.

Land Purchase Bill and a discussion took place upon various amendments to clause 5, dealing with the tenants' insurance fund. An amendment that the last sentence of the clause should read "in amount to the value of the property insured by the tenant's insurance" was resisted by BALFOUR, and rejected by 188 against 12. A further amendment was moved to omit the first sentence of the clause, enabling the tenant in any county to ensure his property for a value of £100,000. Mr. BALFOUR defended the sub-section, and argued that it would enable the Act to be carried out more effectually in counties where there was excessive competition for insurance. After a long discussion the sub-section was carried by 202 to 100. The discussion then turned to the insurance of an undertaking given during the discussion, proposed modification of the sub-section to the effect that it should not come into operation after one-fourth of the total purchase price for the county had been applied for, and Mr. BALFOUR was asked to give his opinion on his power on the report of the Land Commission. The amendment was agreed to and the clause was still under discussion when progress was reported.

of the House shall not meet until 6 o'clock.—Mr. PICTON protested against motion as an effort of pious arrogance. W. LAWSON inquired whether the right gentleman intended to adjourn the over Derby Day.—After a brief discussion the motion was carried by 110 against 3.

section 3 of clause 5, enabling the Lord-tenant by declaration to extend beyond twenty years the period during which payments of annuities shall continue to be 80 per cent of the annual value.—An amendment by ATTORNEY - GENERAL for a declaration by the Lord-tenant to be limited to the period of twenty years, to which the Lord-lieutenant may, on the report of the Land Commission, revoke or vary the declaration, but without affecting any chargeable on a holding under an agreement made after the date mentioned therein. MR. HEALY moved the insertion of a provision that the Lord-lieutenant putting the section in operation in such a manner as to reduce the period of repayment below thirty years. MR. GIBBS, long and warmly, Mr. HEALY and the clause, which was applied to 77, and, on a further division, the amendment was rejected by 134 to 88.—MR. HEALY moved an amendment with the object of limiting the period to twenty years, a BALFOUR, declining to insult the country by going over ground so frequently traversed, immediately moved the closure, which again applied, this time by 130 to 91.—An amendment having been rejected by 130 to 89, the clause was put to a second division, 165 against 105, the division on the whole of sub-section 3, forthwith carried by 170 to 112.—The sub-section was under discussion when the adjournment was reported.

On this bill, Sir A. BORTHWICK moved that he read a second time that day six months ago. He said we were threatened with an invasion of London by the tramway company. The interposition of railways in the streets was dangerous to traffic, was inconvenient to householders, and was ways detrimental. It was proposed in the bill to take the tramways over Westminster Bridge, and it was certain that the bridge was never built to carry a tram. It was obvious that the bill was a

Westminster bridge was voted in favour as the site of the new railway bridge. It was found that the North-Eastern Railway bridge could not see what reason could be alleged for bringing the tramway there.—**Mr. DIXON HASTLAND** seconded the rejection of the bill. He mentioned that the District Railway paid the Metropolitan Board of Works £100,000 for their line under the Embankment, and it would be most unfair of the county council to give for a small sum the use of the road to the tramway company.—**Mr. C. GRAHAM** spoke of the interests of the working men in connection with the proposed extension. The house had already agreed to allow the ratepayers to pay 10 per day unless that were accepted he intended to vote against the bill.—**Mr. J. KELLY** said the tramway company were willing to accept any reasonable concession as to the hours of their men; but they declined to let the ratepayers and the public have the extreme view on the subject. The scheme interested people to the number of 90,000 a week, and yet the bill was to be thrown out summarily without the hearing of evidence before a committee. The principal opponent of the bill was the chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works, the authorities evidently did nothing to say against it.—**Mr. T. F. O'CONNOR** opposed the bill, not as a member of any association, but simply as a citizen of London. There was no form of locomotion which was more objectionable in a great city than that of the tramway. It was better to be carried by horse or by the Thames Embankment.—**Mr. E. COOKE**, in supporting the second reading, said objection was naturally made to this bill by those members who "rolled in their gilded chariots." (*Laughter.*)—**Mr. CANNAN** opposed the bill because the company asked more money to restrict the hours of labour.—After further discussion the House divided and there was a vote.

CAPTAIN VERNET'S CASE.

The SPEAKER: I have to acquaint the House that I have received the following letter from Mr. Justice A. L. Smith, dated the Central Criminal Court, City of London May 6th:—“My Speaker,—I beg to inform you that Captain Edward Vernet, alias P.P., was on this day convicted before me upon his own confession of a misdemeanor, for which I have sentenced him to twelve calendar months’ imprisonment.—I have the honour to be your obedient servant, A. L. SMITH.”—Mr. GOVERNOR: The House will be invited by the Attorney-General today “Tuesday” to take this matter into consideration, and it will be my duty to move to-morrow for a return of the record of the proceedings at the trial of the indictment against the hon. member at the Central

ber for the borough of Strand in the room of Mr. W. H. Smith, who, since his election, had accepted the office of Constable of the Castle of Dover and Warden and Keeper of the Claque Park (Lancashire and Cheshire.)

THE INFLUENZA.

Mr. RYCHTS informed Mr. Hobhouse that inquiries had been made of the medical officers of health throughout the country, but no information was obtained proving the origin of the epidemic. It had been ascertained that the disease had been brought from abroad and that it was spread from Hull in February. A report containing all information in possession of the Local Government Board would be shortly issued to the public.

Whitenside, the Government proposed having a morning sitting on Friday, the 15th, and then to adjourn till Thursday, May 21st.

IRISH LAND PURCHASE BILL.

The House went into committee on this bill, resuming the consideration of amendments to clause 5.—**Mr. A. J. BALFOUR** moved a long amendment regulating the way the Land Commission should distribute relief to tenants in distress.—**Mr. SEXTON** and **GEORGE CAMPBELL** complained of being unable to understand the amendment.—**Mr. LABOUCHERE** said it took the last glimmer of understanding out of him, and as he could

The amendment, after much discussion, was added to the clause, and clause 5, as amended, was added to the bill by 145 against 85. Clause 6, which regulates the limitation advances, amendments were discussed to twelve o'clock, after which the House adjourned.

or proprietors or entertainments and interview in the Conference-room of the House of Commons with a number of metropolitan members with reference to the bill of the London County Council for the regulation of theatres, music halls, and other places of public entertainment. Sir Algernon Borthwick presided. Mr. John Jennings, chairman of the Association, briefly explained the objects of the deputation, and the secretary of the chairman, said they had adopted the title of Entertainments Association because the comprised many places, such as James's Hall, which were not music-halls as well as some of the minor theatres.

than theatres should be in the hands of variable body like the County Council. The same body should be in the hands of high and independent officials, like Lord Chamberlain, and they were perfectly prepared to provide whatever funds were necessary for increase of staff or expenditure in carrying out the regulations. They would, rather than be controlled by county council, prefer even to go back to jurisdiction of the licensing justices. He explained the provisions against indecencies or gestures, and contended that the performance of "entertainments" had been a custom of London music halls the last twenty years, and was perfectly legal. With regard to inspection, they not object to a regular and proper inspection by qualified persons, but they did object the system of spies proposed and now actually practised by the County Council. In reference to the regulations as to refreshments, mentioned that the total takings at some of the music halls for refreshments did not exceed £100 a week, and he contended that whereas the refreshment bars at all theatres were let at from £1,000 to £1,500 a week.—Sir Algernon Northwick assured the deputation that the members present would give their best attention to the points raised on the second reading of the bill.

than any other. The colour produced is most nat-

After an escort of the last 12th Lancers, along the usual route through the park to Buckingham Palace, the Queen's carriage proceeded to the Louvre (Chapelle de l'Oratoire) and a highness Prince Francis of Salmberg mounted her Majesty. During the afternoon the Marquis de Salisbury had an audience of the Queen. Shortly before five o'clock her Majesty left to attend the evening concert at the Opera House, accompanied by Princess Patricia and a lady-in-waiting, occupied an open landau drawn by four bays, ridden by postillions and preceded by a couple of outriders. Major-General Sir John Hill and the Hon. Henry Bouverie, the equerry, followed in the garden gate, the royal equipage proceeded up Constitution Hill and past the Wellington Memorial into Hyde Park. The crowd and drive were most crowded, a large proportion of those present being from the ranks of the Guards and the Grenadier Guards. On Wednesday her Majesty held a Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace, which was largely attended. Afterwards the Queen drove in Hyde Park,

International Exhibition, Chalmers, where she was received by the chief officers of the executive committee, and inspected every portion of the grounds, as well as the extensive and interesting galleries of paintings and sculptures. Her Majesty then proceeded to the chief entrance of the Crystal Palace, where she was met by the Duke of Devonshire, who escorted her to the carriage and drove with outsiders at half-past eleven, and then followed a second carriage and four containing the ladies in waiting. The Prince of Wales, with the Princesses of Wales, and the Princesses Victoria and Maud and the Duke of Clarence and Avondale accompanied her Majesty, and were in waiting to receive her Majesty upon her arrival. After the introductions were over, her Majesty was presented by the Prince of Wales with a handsomely bound copy of the "Illustrated History of Her Majesty," being distributed from her carriage, took a seat in a bath chair, specially prepared for her, and, drawn by one of the two Scotch servants in attendance, and escorted by the Prince of Wales, the princesses, Admiral Dowell, and others, proceeded to make a tour of the grounds. The weather was beautiful, and the grounds, with their many picturesque monuments draped with flags, looked their very best. Her Majesty first went to the lake, where a picnic action took place with the model ships, and then to the pavilion, where a royal luncheon was served for her use. After few moments' rest, her Majesty resumed her journey to the pavilion, outside which the naval officers were permitted to take a photographic group. The task of taking the luncheon was performed under the direction of Lieutenant Wells, of her Majesty's ship

was Armstrong & Mitchell Gallery, where she was received by Sir W. Armstrong, the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Princesses paid a visit to the Victory. The other portions of the Exhibition visited by Her Majesty were the Iceberg, the Camperdown Gallery, the Blake Gallery, and the Nelson Gallery. Her Majesty also saw the diver at work. Major Edye walked down the Victory through the Museum and called attention to the exhibits of more than special interest. The note (3,360) from Mr. Benham to Mr. Kee, introducing Horatio Nelson to the pursuer of the Seahorse, was taken from the case and read by her Majesty; and Sergeant Davis, of the Royal Marines, had the honour of carrying to her Majesty's chair the wooden cap of liberty from the masthead of the French frigate *Cleopatra*, captured by the English frigate *Nymphe*, June 19th, 1795. Her Majesty closely examined the mounds of flags, and showed her interest in a marked manner with the swords which were surrendered after the battle of Trafalgar. Her Majesty finally passed by the entrance to the grounds once more; and after bidding adieu to many of the officers who had accompanied her, parted with the Prince of Wales, and entering her carriage drove off amid the loud cheers of those assembled. The remaining members of the royal party then entered their carriages and drove away, the party finally leaving the grounds at one o'clock, amid great

"aid."—*The Lord High Chancellor of England.*—I beg to ask if you have any reply to make to the petition which I presented to your lordship on the subject of the petition of the Lord Chancellor: I cannot deal with the matter here.—*The Lady Applicant:* My lord, I am in a helpless condition: I have no name, and no position in society, and I was not even admitted to the census paper. (Laughter.) What can I do, my lord?—*The Lord Chancellor* said that he could not deal with the matter in that court.—*The Lady Applicant:* Where, then, my lord, may I apply?—*The Lord Chancellor:*—The Master of the Rolls: You can apply to his lordship here. The Lord Chancellor is not in his right place here (laughter) for the purpose.—*The Lady Applicant:* Where, then, my learned Master of the Rolls, may I seek to have my petition applied to your lordship?—*The Master of the Rolls:* You cannot have your petition answered here.—As their lordships were leaving the bench, the applicant, who was somewhat excited, exclaimed, "I

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TURP

1. Number of persons in the quarter ended 31st, 1890, was 155,556.
 2. The City Free Press declares the business establishment in London has 400 Cornishmen are employed.
 3. The last of the servants who brought a beggar's body to the coast, died in London on Tuesday. The British Consul attended the funeral.
 4. United Kingdom 289,261 births and deaths were registered in the three ending 31st March, 1891. The natural of population was, therefore, 84,502.
 5. A pound is announced in aid of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, to be held at Queen's Gate Hall, Kensington, the 1st of June.
 6. A burglar has informed the burglar of Hammersmith that he will not take in the Reichstag until the autumn.
 7. An Edinburgh woman, living in Dublin, was killed by falling from her bed to the area beneath, a height of 100 feet.
 8. A German East Africa Company has to vote 4,000,000 marks out of its towards the formation of a company to build and work a railway between Tanganyika.
 9. Birmingham, the thriving Alabama town, is insignificant to figure at all in the of 1870. In 1880 it had a population of 10,000; but in 1890 "it was the centre of all activity for 75,000 people."
 10. A five-gallon keg of whisky from the a saloon in Brooklyn the other day, sank so much of the contents that the died from the effects.
 11. A burglar tried to enter the house of Mr. E. C. Clarkson, West Virginia. His wife, Kate, was alone in the house, and a burglar was half-way through the she split his head open, killing him.
 12. In 1890, says Mr. Gladstone, when the of the second Lord Wolverton, at volunteered to address the villagers market-place. The labourers listened and, on being asked why they had feared, said, "Who be Mr. Gladstone?"
 13. A Paris municipality is about to discuss a for converting the greater part of the debt, amounting to about 936 millions, proposed to convert this from 4 per cent. to 3 per cent., redeemable in eighty-one with lottery prizes.
 14. A committee of the French Chamber has to recommend the erection of a new ar, adjoining the present one, at an cost of two millions. Four thousand are to be offered for the best design, but foreigners need apply.
 15. A is another "foreign invasion." A amount of patriotic indignation is being upon the presence of some 100,000 of foreign soldiers in London, a good of whom seem to be employed at the Exhibition.
 16. The address of the chamberlain of London, Benjamin Scott, to the governor of the of England, was the thirty-eighth of and delivered by that venerable City to recipients of the freedom. Mr. praised his "prudent hand as far back as
 17. Kensington has received a letter the Prince of Wales expressing his regret that he will have many engagements at the commencement of will prevent him from having the pleasure present at the Suffolk Agricultural Show.
 18. F. C. Bellis, of Birmingham, a visitor to Bournemouth, while on a riding excursion to Barry Rocks, Swanage, tried to climb a chalk cliff there, and, losing his hold, fell a distance of 100 feet. He was killed, and was conveyed on a bier to the Poole Hospital.
 19. The Earl of Albemarle will preside at the meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute at the Hôtel Métropole, on Tuesday. Mr. C. E. Howard Vincent, M.P., will a paper on "Inter-British Trade, and Influence on the Unity of the Empire."
 20. The Northampton Herald gives the following of Jenny Lind :—She was on a visit to Houghton, and went on Sunday to the church. She was not seen, but her husband, but when the "Te Deum" commenced joined in the singing. Soon every one singing under the spell of the unknown and she finished the hymn alone.
 21. The Corn Law was once president of the Fairfield Society (Connecticut) Agricultural Society. He discovered that the receipts at the annual exhibition would barely pay expenses. He was an old farmer in the crowd had his hat picked. The thief was soon found, but he was not caught. He put on a big tent, and this feature being widely criticised, such crowds came that the fair was soon filled to overflowing.
 22. Three young men, named Albert Henry, Edward John Hodges, and George Morris, of Bristol, hired a boat at a Hole, St. George, near Bristol, saying they were going for a row on the Avon. They did not return, search was made, the boat was found, and the three were next found. The police have made arrests, and have no doubt that the man rowed.
 23. A man has reached London of the death of John Heston Armstrong, who was well known as a traveller in many parts of the world. In 1834 he walked across the South American continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and in that continent, as well as in Australia, made many valuable discoveries.
 24. John Armstrong was a son of the late Mr. W. Armstrong, M.P., of Mount Vernon, and was the grandson of the late Mr. H. Armstrong, M.P. At the of his death—which occurred at Gorse, he was 76 years of age.
 25. A second poll regarding the application of the Free Libraries Act to Paddington, took place on Wednesday. The poll, held in 1887, resulted in a majority of 1,545 in the affirmative and 5,845 in the negative. The poll was taken at the instigation of a large number of principal inhabitants of the parish, who have voluntarily supplied the Free Library in Warwick-road, established by Mr. Frank Moss. The result of the poll was 1,590 for and 4,528 against, the majority against being 2,938. The vote is attributed to the greatly increased School Board rate and the expectation it will increase to 10s. in the pound.
 26. A young man, named George Henry Hope, of 39, Meadow-street, Finsbury, was charged with having maliciously published and sold a libelous pamphlet concerning Edwin Taunton, of Sunbury-on-Thames, on the 14th April last, and also with maliciously sending to Mr. Taunton menacing letters demanding money from him without any reasonable cause. It was alleged that the man had represented himself to the prosecutor, and made frequent demands for money, and had written offensive and libellous letters and postcards, not only to the prosecutor, but to his daughter and to other persons. For the prisoner it was alleged that he had a complete nerve to the fact. He was remanded in custody.

TURF, FIELD, AND RIVER.

By LARRY LYNN.

Backers had their fill of what Othello called "disastrous chances" on the opening day of the Chester meeting, as throughout the seven events on the card in no one instance did a first favourite get home. In five cases odds were actually bettered, and in three went down—in fact, the first day of the meeting held at "rare old Chester" was more like one of those "black accots" we used to hear so much about. The tide of backers' disasters set in from the very onset, as with only Mutual Consent, Rednal, and Sandridge to beat, it was only natural that the nobler army of punters, reckoning up Yarm by his victory in the Flying Dutchman Handicap at York, should bet odds on Mr. Whipp's six-year-old, but the son of Rosebery shows no traces of the form he displayed at Old Eboracum, and could only finish third to Mutual Consent and Rednal. Blockley having earned, no penalty for Bath and Salisbury triumph, was estimated good enough to lay odds on against the lot he had to oppose in the Stamford Plate, but he has evidently trained off a bit, as he was easily beaten by the filly by Muncaster out of La Lyre, who has come on a bit since his was unplaced to Quarryman in the Badminton Plate at Bath. It is always was to the knife between the punter and the pencil, and it is astonishing how, after continued reverses, the former returns to the charge. So it was that undismayed by the defeats of Yarm and Blockley, punters again dashed it down on Escamateur for the Cestrian Welter in preference to Cathrock and Freebody. Again the fickle goddess frowned on the talent, as in a good finish Weathercock upset the potted article, and was sold to Mr. Kellall for 300s. Lord Roslyn, however, is very fond of his son of Torpedo, and subsequent to the falling of the hammer got Weathercock back again at a profit to Mr. Kellall.

In the Mostyn Two-Year-Old Plate we were introduced to one of the young Bendigos in Thunderstruck, who cost Lord Dudley 1,750s., and had been tried so highly that he was made favourite. His lordship's luck in selling races, however, did not cling to him on this occasion, as Thunderstruck altogether failed to run up to his home gallop, and Blockley, who scripped a much improved filly since she ran second to Bach in the Westminster Plate at Epsom, and only just finished in front of Wild Jasmine (since relegated to plating rank), won a fast run race from Earl of Anandale, second to Glenayre in the Excelsior Handicap, and third to Glenayre in the Sir George Chetwynd's young Saraband out of Etolia—why, Sir George, do you not give him a name?—but up no better than in his earlier engagements, and it is evident he is an overrated youngster.

Still, with a courage worthy of Napoleon's Old Guard at Waterloo, backers came out one more as the saddling bell rang out to use an anachronism—the pas de charge, and laid odds on that Derby impostor, St. David, beating Bungalow and Blithe Agnes in the Eaton Plate. Mr. Charlton's colt, however, cut up as badly as he did at Bath, and was easily beaten by Bungalow. His collapse must have been the result of a cold, and of some sort or manner of idiotic must have backed this son of Betrot for classic honours some time ago. Even when such wretched crocks as Mutineer and Garter Elus turned out to do battle for the Grosvenor Plate, backers elected to support the worse one, as they selected Garter Blue to lay odds on by the aid of a cunningly cunning, by a neck to Mutineer. Ruthless, indeed, was fickle fortune to the fall of the curtain, as in the last race of the first day Charleston, a 100 to 1 chance, came sailing home from the favourites, Capucin and Fringe, and three other better backed ones.

A charming day full of the promise of spring was that which favoured Desdée, when the Cup was raced for. Albert Smith loved the walled-in city, and despite its exorbitant hotel charges, which, by the way, are no Brobdingnagian in proportion as they were a decade since, I must confess I still have an affection for Chester, when the course, which is in itself a triumph of nature, was a time—no time—when Chester race meeting looked like going over to the great majority of defunct fixtures, but Mr. Tom Lawley has worked wonders since he virtually took the reins of government in hand. Chester is about to take a new lease of life, as it is to be the seat of a new course, and a new meeting. Old fogies may not relish the innovation, but from a practical point of view it is the best thing that could have happened for Chester. It will save the time-honoured fixture from disestablishment, and our sons and grandsons will still take an interest in the dear old place, as cherished by their forefathers, when the city walls witness the triumphs of such heroes as Alice Hawthorn, St. Albans, Lexington, Dalby, Red Deer, and Tim Whiffler.

A field of a dozen sported silk in the Chester Cup, and the race, prior to its decision, was remarkable for the hot favouritism of Vasiatas, who was given a chance of retrieving his laurels, which he did not. I am glad to say for his rider, when the Hircal's victory was utilized, Baginbude was not allowed to see the post, and this was a disappointment to many who expected to see the Duke of Beaufort's colours carried by a prominent candidate in a long distance race, to which class of the noble pastime his grace is known to be partial.

Nothing went wrong with the racing, and a bow-wow new caused his elimination. In his absence Baginbude was expected to battle for the Badminton hoops, but he remained in his stall at Manton. Baginbude's absence from the fray was accounted for by her defeat in a dust up with the Wroughton horse, of whom it was said that Madame Neruda, who stretched the neck of The Rejected at Epsom, had done very well, so much so that she started a good second favourite to the Kingsclere horse. There is little to tell of the race, and it is easily summed up. George Barrett, who is always at home on the Chester course, and who has a rear rank for half the journey, but at the Grosvenor Bridge turn Vasiatas became second, and turning into the line for home he drew away and won by two lengths from Mr. Whipp's willing old slave, Tommy Littlewood, with the Sandown winner, Buryard third. On this running Baginbude, who had been well started in the Sandown Handicap, giving Burnaby Gib, finished a bad third to Mr. Hobson's horse. On Wednesday last Burnaby Gib gave him 9lb. Surely this advantage would have given Baginbude the race, but there might have been something amiss with Madame Neruda, who was badly cut into in the straight, and her chance destroyed, when holding a prominent position, and Polonius broke his fetlock. The bad-tempered Macanua was on his best behaviour in the Prince of Wales's Plate, in which, after a desperate finish with Forridge, he won by a head, the on the minor races of the Cup Day I need not dilate. Republic, after a hot finish with Mutineer, accounted for the Dee Stand Welter; Experience landed odds bettered on him in

the Roodey Maiden Plate, and the Badminton Two-Year-Old Plate to Colonel Forester's gelding, who brought off a 10 to 1 chance. As a matter of fact, the only one in Highland Belle, Sea Salt, and The Stint. This only colt Colonel Forester 50s., originally. Mortgage was made the subject of an even money plunge in the Comerbert Handicap, but went down before Wordly Wise.

Next week will find the turf army assembled once more on Newmarket Heath, and the race of the three days programme will afford another public Derby trial. The Deemster and Henry VIII. will probably sport silk in this event, and no doubt Peter Flower and Orvisio will fight their Leicester and Guinness battles over again. Mayhap, too, we shall see something of the dark Balmoral and the Kingsclere-trained Ordinance. Henry VIII. did not do well in a recent trial, and The Deemster's last gallop at Newmarket, prior to my penning these lines, was of none too flattering character. It appears to me, though I may have to amend these remarks in my latest notes that it will be once more a duel à l'outrance between Peter Flower and Orvisio, whilst the One Thousand Viciosa, Mim, may run them close. Lord Durham's colt should be immensely improved by his Two Thousand gallop, and I shall once more offer

as a hostage to fortune, and expect Orvisio to race him hard home, with Mim in their wake. On Wednesday last Mrs. John Scott, widow of the great trainer of that name, died at Whitwell House, Malton, in her 90th year. In the glorious days of Whitwell Mrs. Scott took an active interest in the stables, and frequently graced the hospitable board for which Whitwell was famous. In 1830 John Scott trained sixteen St. Leger, eight Two Thousand Guineas, eight Oaks, five Derby, and four One Thousand winners. Among his most famous winners were Launceston, Salist, Don John, Charles XII., Attilla, Cotherstone, Mundig, Ghanee, Velocipedes, The Baron, Daniel O'Rourke, the peerless West Australian, and Newminster. After his death Mrs. Scott never allowed the stables, which in his time sheltered the most famous thoroughbreds ever bred, to be occupied, but now that the lamented lady has passed away the roof of the thoroughbred will be once more heard in the deserted stalls.

Mr. Cathcart is again to be congratulated on the result of the second spring meeting of the Alexandra Park Trotting Club. Space will not permit me to say a great deal about it, but everything passed off in the most satisfactory manner, and the racing was good all round. The Invitation Record Race (one mile and a half) was won by Mr. B. Squire's Dick II. (over 148 yards), in 4min. 35.2-5sec.; the Selling Race fell to Mr. R. Walton's Errand Boy (200 yards start); and the Consolation Handicap to Rose Clark (300 yards start). The chief event of the meeting, however, was the Chase (one mile), Mr. P. Doyle's Shamrock II. was victorious in 2min. 35sec.

The cricket season has commenced in earnest. No lover of the game could have wished to see a better fight than that between Surrey and Leicestershire at the Oval on Monday. The match was a good one in first and hit up 158, of which Abel, Mr. Shuter, Lohmann, and Brockwell scored 43, 25, 20, and 23 respectively. On Leicestershire going in to bat, they were not all disposed of until they had run up a total of 231, of which Foster scored 57 and Mr. De Trafford 70. So Surrey began their second innings with a deficit of 63. They proved equal to the occasion, for ere they were all out a second time they had made 255, of which Abel obtained 62, Lohmann 35, Maurice Read 68, and Henderson 32. This left Leicestershire 203 to get to win. They proved unequal to the task, despite the batting of Wheeler and Pongnor, and the spirited staid made by Mr. Joyce, who carried out his bat for 40, and were eventually beaten by 73 runs. So Surrey opened their season with a hard earned victory.

The teams at Cambridge in the twelve a side seniors' match were captained by Messrs. Martin-Scott and W. I. Rowell. It was an interesting match, as, after Mr. Scott's side had left on the first day with an advantage of 68 runs in the first innings, Mr. Rowell's side eventually won by five wickets. Mr. Crawford's 99 was a very fine innings.

Saturday last was a singularly quiet day for southern foot-racers. At Paddington, the Argosy Bicycle Club incorporated amongst its competitors an open handicap for millers who travel a-foot instead of a wheel.

Kilbiville competed in the Argosy mile, but the winner's time, 4min. 25sec., was quite sufficient to put any scratch man out of court. The mile champion went off at a tremendous pace, taking only a shade over a minute for his first quarter, but he soon saw which way the wind blew, and ultimately finished eleven seconds or so behind the leader.

Scholtens-Beduin's victory over W. C. Jones was evidently the outcome of the Dutchman's long and consistent course of training. He was certainly the best man on the track, as regards condition, whilst his staying power is marvellously improved. It would take a better trained man, however, who appeared at Paddington last Saturday to beat him in a "quarter" burst at the present time. His success in the five miles' tri-cyclic race was as welcome to the spectators as was his victory in the mile. Both races were ridden by him in the most sportsmanlike and peace-making manner possible.

Kilbiville's victory over Arthur Du Cros in the mile championship at Dublin could scarcely have surprised those who remembered how the former was riding a couple of seasons or so ago. It was a facer, however, to those who, whilst looking upon Du Cros as being invincible, had comforted themselves with the assurance that Kilbiville's severe smash-up in 1889 had stopped his racing career.

Londoners were enabled to say good-bye to football on Saturday, the Royal Arsenal having obtained special permission to play a charity match with the Highland Light Infantry at Plumstead. The soldiers were sadly deficient in attacking power, and one wonders how such a team could have held its own with so strong a club as Chatham. Either the Highlanders' side must have been differently constituted upon the occasion of their meeting Chatham, or they were altogether out of form at Plumstead.

Apologies, it is now pretty certain that the Royal Arsenal will make the long talked of plunge next season, and come forth as a professional team. In that case they will have to say good-bye to the London Cup for time, as the London Football Association is restricted to amateur clubs. I fancy, however, that the example of the Arsenal will be quickly followed by one or two other clubs of fair strength, and the Association may then see its way—for it has a keen eye for "gates"—to throwing its ranks open. At any rate, the action of the Arsenal will be an important epoch in southern football.

The recent proposal to expand the League so as to embrace the thirty-six leading clubs, divided into three classes, was lost, although seven clubs were in its favour and only three opposed it. A three-fourths majority was ne-

cessary, and as this was not obtained the matter fell through for the time being. For the time, for it is firmly believed that next year will witness the adoption of the proposal. At last week's annual meeting of the League a step was made in the same direction by the extension of the organisation, so as to include fourteen clubs instead of twelve, Darwen and Stots being the two recruits.

The Pelican Athletic Club (not the Pelicans of Gerrard-street) have issued a capital programme of athletics, swimming, and boxing for the current season.

GREAT FIRE AT BERMONDSEY.
The south-eastern district of London was on Tuesday the scene of a disastrous conflagration, which raged for several hours, and caused the destruction of the malling department of Messrs. Courage's, a large shop, situated at Shad Thames, Bermondsey, close to the works of the new Tower Bridge, and contiguous to Butler's wharf, one of the largest buildings on the banks of the river. The part of the brewery nearest the river was built in five and six floors, and being used almost entirely as the "brewhouse," was filled with malt, hops, and other materials, and was a "blind." It was in these buildings that a quarter of an hour before noon a loud report was heard and the alarm of fire was raised. A scene of great excitement immediately ensued. From all parts of the brewery the hands rushed to the spot to render what aid they could to subdue the outbreak. The brewery was well fitted with fire appliances, and no time was lost in preparing to work them, for it was apparent directly the alarm was raised that all their resources would be taxed. Following a burst of smoke, great masses of flame had made their appearance on the first floor, and were already extending to the second. The chief officer grasping the situation, called upon every district in London for more engines and men, and all the available floating stations on the river, including those at Pimlico, Charing Cross, and the Shadwell Fish Market, were directed to forward their vessels. On the roofs of surrounding buildings, as well as on the top of the roof, the firemen, half hidden at times by swirling smoke, portina ciously directing the deliveries upon the incandescent mass below. About one o'clock the roof fell in with a terrific crash, releasing a great volume of flame and sparks, and laying bare a pile of blazing material the base from which was almost intolerable.

A LONDON BREACH OF PROMISE CASE.

In the Queen's Bench Division, before Mr. Justice Lawrence, the case of Harper v. Egan, a breach of promise of marriage, the plaintiff, Miss Elizabeth Harper, residing with her father at Surrey-square, Old Kent-road, and the defendant James Henderson, foreman to a firm of manufacturers and patentees at High Holborn. The defendant admitted the promise, but alleged subsequent repudiation, and that he had never intended to marry the plaintiff, submitted on the pleading that it was for the defendant to prove his case. Mr. Justice Lawrence assented, and defendant opened his case accordingly. He admitted the promise as holding good up to the end of 1883, but said that then the plaintiff, on the ground that he had not sufficient income, and had no money saved, told him that she was tired of him and his ways, and would in future meet him only as a friend. She alleged that he renewed the promise afterwards; but this he denied. It was also alleged that he introduced her to his friends as his intended wife, and that also he denied. The witness to his statement was Mr. J. Egan, who examined by the plaintiff's counsel. He first became acquainted with the plaintiff in 1874, and they were engaged in 1876. He gave her a ring, but never a wedding-ring. He was referred by counsel to letters in which he addressed the plaintiff in very endearing terms, such as "my dear," "my love," and "my darling," and he would like to see some of them. He replied that he did not care to see them at all. In 1881 he gave the plaintiff money to get the banns of marriage published, and they actually were published at Walworth. She had worried him very much to put the banns in. She did not to him, and he was not to be put to the test at his court. He admitted he had treated her badly—not as he ought to have done. In June last year he married somebody else. His salary was 30s. a week, and he had a commission of from 7s. to 10s. a week. He admitted having walked with the plaintiff, and frequently had her from 1883 to 1888, and he said that he was clearly understood between them that they associated only as friends. A grown-up daughter of the defendant's wife was called by him in support of his case, and swore the plaintiff had told her she had finally broken off the engagement. She thought nothing of defendant kissing the plaintiff, as it was a matter of course (witnessed by Mr. L. Egan). They were little boys?—One was 22 and the other 19. (Laughter.) The plaintiff was then called, and said her father was a carpenter. She denied that the engagement was permanently broken off, and said that after the quarrel he implored her forgiveness on his knees in the presence of her whole family. She gave up employment worth 14s. to 15s. a week in view of marriage with the defendant. She told him in reference to the quarrel that "with all his faults she loved him still." (Laughter.) The plaintiff was cross-examined by the defendant in reference to the amount of the earnings she gave up in view of marriage, which he asked her to kiss her. Lawrence said he was at a loss to know how this case had ever come to be tried before him without a jury. Deciding it as best he could, he came to the conclusion that there was a promise of marriage, and that it was continued to the end. He thought 425 would be sufficient to heal the plaintiff's broken heart, which had been broken ever since 1883. (Laughter.) and he gave judgment for the plaintiff accordingly, with costs.

A MEMORIAL TO EARL GRANVILLE.

A meeting was held on Thursday in a committee-room of the House of Lords to consider the steps to be taken to raise a memorial to the late Lord Granville. It was determined to invite subscriptions from Lord Granville's friends generally for the purpose of erecting a statue in a suitable position in the House of Parliament, and the subscriptions to be limited to sums not exceeding 410.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST AN

At the Aldershot Police Court on Thursday, Captain McLeod, 33rd Highlanders, was committed for trial at the assizes charged with having attempted to obtain by means of threatening letters the sum of 450 from Surgeon Kelly, Medical Officer, Aldershot. The letter implied misconduct with women, during prosecutor's wife's absence, and threatened exposure. The prosecutor placed the matter in the hands of the police.

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DEATH OF MR. BARRY SULLIVAN.



We regret to record the death, at Brighton this week, of Mr. Barry Sullivan, at one time well known in London as an actor, and at all times very popular as a performer in the English provinces and America. Mr. Sullivan, though he had been long in the profession, and had a large place in the memory of the "old players," was only 63 when he died. He was born at Birmingham in 1824, his ancestry being, of course, Irish. It was, therefore, consistent with the fitness of things that he should make his first appearance as actor in an Irish city, Cork. This event took place in 1840, and was followed up by engagements at Edinburgh, Manchester, Liverpool, and other provincial centres. Mr. Sullivan's London debut was not made till 1852, when he was 28, and an artist of some experience. The venture was made in the role of Hamlet at the Haymarket. The impersonation was highly praised by the critics, especially for its moderation and correctness, and the young actor was thus successfully launched upon the sea of London theatrical life. He played in London and out of it for the next five years or so, in the course of which he was seen as Erelia in "Money," Claude in "The Lady of Lyons," and Jacques in "As You Like It," besides "creating" the role of Angelo in "Measure for Measure," and the young actor was thus successfully launched upon the sea of London theatrical life. He played in London and out of it for the next five years or so, in the course of which he was seen as Erelia in "Money," Claude in "The Lady of Lyons," and Jacques in "As You Like It," besides "creating" the role of Angelo in "Measure for Measure," and the young actor was thus successfully launched upon the sea of London theatrical life. 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